



Beyond Our \$1M Milestone FONTBONNE COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Our 13th Year of Supporting Academic Hopes and Dreams

Coming VERY Soon — FCC Roundtables & Voting in MARCH!!!

FCC Awards Committee and Co-chairs Mary Lee Walter and Susan Lenihan have made important changes in the awards schedule this year, to better coordinate the awards process and Fontbonne University's fiscal cycle.

The first part of the process remains approximately the same — a November call for proposals, preliminary applications by January 23 and final applications by February 20th. The end of the process — roundtables, voting and announcement of Awards — is scheduled earlier than in the past. Mark your calendars to ensure full participation!



Four March roundtables are scheduled

- * Thursday, March 5, 9:00-11:00 am
- * Tuesday, March 10, 5:30-7:30 pm
- * Wednesday, March 18, 5:30-7:30 pm
(call-in/virtual round table)
- * Saturday, March 21, 10:00-noon

Voting will end on Friday, March 27, at 5:00 p.m. (Previously, roundtables were in May and June, and voting didn't end until mid-June.) FCC Awards will be announced in mid-April at the **Annual Meeting, Saturday, April 18, 2020**, and replacing the previous mid-July awards announcement. These changes in timing will assist Fontbonne's financial office in processing necessary data and will also help applicants who apply for projects that run in summer months.

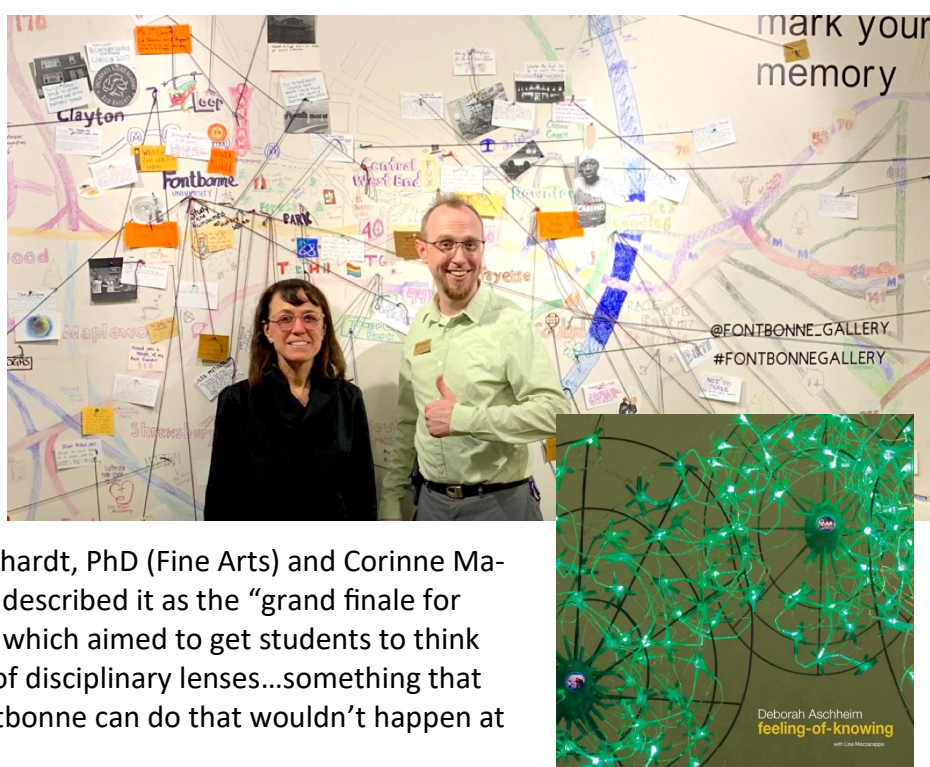
We strongly encourage all members to [click here for a priority statement](#), written by Fontbonne's leadership team, to better understand the University's current priorities of **recruitment, retention, diversity** and **inclusion** in Fontbonne's strategic plan. Keeping these goals in mind when voting will further enhance the FCC mission to support Fontbonne University and help faculty, staff and students achieve goals, dreams and ideas that could otherwise not be pursued, due to budget constraints.

The Awards Committee will review this pilot schedule, and we welcome member feedback throughout the year.



FCC Award Is Capstone for Dedicated Semester on Memory

What a *bang* for FCC bucks! Our “Visiting Artist for the Fall 2019 Dedicated Semester on Memory” Award enabled a collaboration among Fontbonne faculty members Jason Finley, PhD (Biological & Behavioral Sciences), Tony Borchardt, PhD (Fine Arts) and Corinne Mason, MFA (Humanities). Dr. Finley described it as the “grand finale for Fontbonne’s dedicated semester, which aimed to get students to think about memory through a variety of disciplinary lenses...something that small liberal arts colleges like Fontbonne can do that wouldn’t happen at large universities.”



In mid-November, visiting artist Deborah Aschheim (deborahaschheim.com) — whose interdisciplinary art projects about memory, community and place have been exhibited across the world — graced Fontbonne’s Fine Arts Gallery with samples of her large collection of golden anniversary posters commemorating two prominent activist periods: San Francisco’s “Season of Love” (The Zeitgeist) and Pasadena/LA’s student activism (Time Travel).

Aschheim’s class visits addressed such topics as artistic explorations of individual and collective memory, the 1904 St. Louis World’s Fair and the role of place (geography) in memory. Dr. Borchardt’s art students’ Memory Wall invited the Fontbonne community to post written cards or printed pictures. Ultimately, yarn networks joined participants’ personal (childhood homes, first kiss, last visit) and collective memories (Ferguson protests, sports victories). Aschheim’s closing presentation, taken from her 2011 San Diego State University Art Gallery exhibition, *Deborah Aschheim: feeling-of-knowing*, with Lisa Mezzacappa, demonstrates how art can help us travel back in time and see parallels between past and present. Artistic and scientific genius propel this collection of sculpture, projected video and sculptural presentations. What a *bang* for FCC’s \$1800 bucks!

Zebrafish Star in the BioEYES Project

On Thursday, December 12, 2019, Fontbonne's Dr. Stephanie Paine-Saunders (Associate Professor, Department of Biological and Physical Sciences) and Denise Driscoll (Director of Clinical Experiences and Partnerships) hosted four science teachers from the Brittany Woods Middle School in University City, and several other project participants, for a BioEYES training session in AB305.



Project BioEYES is an established Carnegie Institute program, running in 10 locations worldwide since 2002, which introduces live zebrafish in a weeklong module to middle-school students. Its mission is to foster enthusiasm for science by offering students opportunities to explore life science through real world applications using a hands-on approach to learning.



Terrone Jasper from Carnegie Science in Baltimore facilitated the training by first presenting an overview of the program. And then the fun began with hands-on real-time activities to experience each phase of the program. Actual zebrafish embryos were available so participants could discuss collection, fertilization, and microscopic observations. Mature zebrafish were also available so participants could address further topics such as Mendelian genetics, vertebrate embryonic development and recessive genes. Everyone literally got their hands wet! The excitement was obvious as the attendees eagerly planned how they would implement BioEYES in their school district in March of 2020. All involved are extremely grateful to the FCC for extending this excellent program to the St. Louis area.



Energy and Enthusiasm Characterize New Member Sandra Bellon

Sandra Bellon graduated from Fontbonne in 1969 with a major in Mathematics and a minor in Secondary Education. She earned her MBA from SIUE in 1983 and has held a number of corporate positions: the first female programmer at Laclede Gas, then IT work at Laclede, Boatmen's Bank, and Federal Reserve. She has also done auditing and university recruiting, as well as working in human resources at Monsanto. After leaving the corporate world, Sandy worked as a career advisor and served as a retreat minister. She is certified in Pastoral Ministries from the Archdiocese of St. Louis, and she is a past board member of Microfinancing Partners in Africa.

Single, and a life-long St. Louisan who lives in West County, Sandy has been able to travel extensively and be active charitably and socially. Obviously a multi-talented and energetic woman, Sandy is active as a certified Tour Guide for City of St. Louis and also finds time to enjoy playing bridge, canasta and mahjong.

Sandy heard about FCC at her recent 50th reunion and was further encouraged by her friend and classmate Mary Sharek. Sandy hopes to add to her legacy by continuing to support Fontbonne, which gave her such a great start. She is passionate about keeping Fontbonne vibrant and continuing its mission of service to the dear neighbor — so in tune with Sandy's generous and enthusiastic personality.


FCC extends a warm welcome to you, Sandy. We look forward to your good company at coming roundtables and other FCC activities — and to sharing our mutual enthusiasm for Fontbonne!

FCC-funded GRIFFIN MASCOT COSTUME to be revealed prior to the Men's game!

This year the annual women's and men's basketball games between Fontbonne and Webster Universities will be more exciting than ever! Bring friends/family for fun in the DSAC, as FCC is recognized and honored for making the new mascot costume possible. Plus, Griffin giveaways, tasty treats and more!

BATTLE OF BIG BEND


Wednesday, February 5, 2020






Women's: 5:30PM

NEW MASCOT: 7:15PM

Men's: 7:30PM



RECENT FCC MOMENTS, MEMORIES & CELEBRATIONS



November 1st Mass of Remembrance: joining in prayer for FCC members/families, especially mindful of Lee Gunn and Sue Ebanues, whose husbands had recently died.



Celebrating the Season at December 8th Holiday Reception



Gunner's January 15th Farewell (New Mascot to Arrive February 5th!)

Message from the Chair



After such wonderful Christmas and New Year celebrations, we have lots more to celebrate and anticipate for FCC. We welcome our newest member, Sandy Bellon, class of '69. Sandy, we are excited for you to join us in this year's Awards season of roundtables and VOTING, just ahead. As announced last fall,

FCC is piloting a new schedule this year to better align with the University calendar. Additionally, Fontbonne's leadership team has authored for us a current university priorities description — significant information to consider when voting. Please familiarize yourself with this information, available through the hot link located in the front page article. And mark new dates on your calendar for this season's Award activities — particularly the roundtables! Thanks to the Awards Committee for proposing this pilot. We will keep members posted as we evaluate its success.

In reflection, there has been a flurry of activities since our Fall Newsletter. Especially noteworthy are two awards featured in this newsletter — our Zebrafish (BioEYES) project and the significant contribution that the FCC Visiting Artist project made to the Dedicated Semester on Memory.

Looking forward, the FCC New Mascot Costume project will be on full display at the Battle of Big Bend basketball games on Feb 5. Please attend, as FCC will be recognized and honored — bring family and friends! And, of course, participate in roundtables and voting!!! These events offer excellent opportunities to invite potential members to experience FCC in action.

*** the Feb 5th basketball games showcase a very visible and delightful result of FCC giving**

*** the March roundtables provide great insight into what we do and how we do it**

In closing, a fond farewell to our VP of Advancement Kitty Lohrum, an enthusiastic and significant FCC supporter. A very warm welcome to our beloved Kay Barnes, who has returned to Fontbonne as Interim Vice President for Advancement, and whose guidance in the founding of FCC we recall with great appreciation. And we offer heartfelt condolences to FCC member and Fontbonne Director of Assessment, Jan Johnson, along with our prayers for her sister Christine Rasmussen, who died in November. Thanks to all FCC members for your continuing dedication to maintaining Fontbonne's excellence and to serving the dear neighbor.

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Joan Kelly, FCC Chair

Coming Events

February, 2020

2/5 - Mascot reveal at Battle of Big Bend games
2/12 - EAC Meeting 8:45-11 am, Library Board Room
2/20 - Deadline for Final Award Applications

March, 2020

3/5 - Voting opens, continues till 3/27
3/5 - Roundtable Discussions, 9-11 am, Medaille
3/10 - Roundtable Discussions, 5:30- 7:30, Medaille
3/11 - EAC Meeting, 8:45-11 am, Location TBA
3/18 - Roundtable Virtual Discussions, 5:30-7:30 pm
3/21 - Roundtable Discussions, 10-noon, Medaille
3/27 - Voting Deadline, 5 pm

April, 2020

4/8 - EAC Meeting, 8:45-11 am, Library Board Room
4/18 - Annual Membership Meeting & Announcement of Awards, 8:30-11 am, Medaille

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